

February 15, 1978

Mrs. Johnson

Services for Mrs. Chester (Vernita) Johnson, 63, Groton were held Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Terry Cashmer officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson died Saturday, Feb. 11, at Dakota Midland Hospital in Aberdeen.

Mrs. Eugene Neuman, organist, accompanied Mrs. Steve Reisenweber as she sang "In the Garden" and the "Lord's Prayer" and the congregation when they sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Beautiful Savior."

Casketbearers were Carroll Clocksene, Leslie Feller, Maurice Harry, Otho Schaller, John Schinkel Jr., and Charles Strom.

Vernita Sombke was born December 2, 1914, in Brown County near Ferney. She married Chester Johnson February 14, 1935 at Andover. She was a member of St. John's Ladies Aid and a former member of the Tuesday Crackerjack Extension Club. She had lived in the Ferney and Groton area all of her life.

Survivors include her husband, five sons James, Glenn, Kenneth and Richard, all of Groton, and Charles, Verdon; three daughters, Mrs. Douglas (Arllys) Ehrenberg, Groton, Mrs. Rodney (Sheila) Gutlzer, Salem and Mrs. Robert (Donna) Gunderson, Parker; three brothers Clarence Sombke, Conde, Roy Sombke, Groton and Ora Sombke, Houghton; one sister, Mrs. Marvin (Josephine) Harry, Ferney; 11 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.